

Quick Look:

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Background Information, Quick Facts and Additional Resources about the State University System of Florida.

Quick Facts:

Total SUS Enrollment: 321,503

Enrollment by Gender:

56.1 percent female,43.9 percent male

Enrollment: University of Central Florida (56,106)

Smallest Institution by Enrollment: New College (801)

Average in-state tuition for a SUS student: \$184.36/credit hour

*Quick Facts as reported by the Florida Board of Governors Fall 2010

OPI Pulse: The State University System of Florida

Background

The State University System of Florida (SUS) is comprised of 11 public universities that reach across each region of the Sunshine State. The SUS was created in 1965 in order to teach students, advance research and provide public service. The original members of the SUS included Florida State University (FSU), the University of Florida (UF), Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), and the University of South Florida (USF). Throughout the 1960s, the SUS welcomed Florida Atlantic University (FAU) followed by the University of West Florida (UWF), and the University of Central Florida (UCF), which at the time was known as Florida Technological University before later changing its name. In 1972, Florida International University (FIU) and the University of North Florida (UNF) joined the system. Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) was the tenth member to join the SUS and began classes in 1997. Finally, New College of Florida (NCF) became the most recent member of the SUS, joining in 2001.

Recent Shifts in SUS Administration

Prior to 2000, a 14 member Board of Regents was responsible for the state university system. At the time, the Governor appointed the membership of the board. As a body, the Board of Regents was responsible for appointing a Chancellor as the lead administrator over the university system. Together, the SUS Chancellor and the Board of Regents worked to adopt a system-wide strategic plan in order to define institutional missions, manage access to the campuses and recommend policy to the Florida Legislature and Congress.

The administrative structure of the SUS shifted in 2000. Through the Florida Education Governance Reorganization Act of 2000, the Board of Regents was abolished. From 2000 to 2002, the Governor directly appointed the boards of trustees for the 11 state universities. These boards of trustees fell under the guidance of the Florida State Board of Education, which was also appointed by the Governor. In 2003, higher education in Florida experienced yet another shift as the Board of Governors was created to oversee the 11-university system. This structure remains in place today. Currently, the Governor appoints members to the Board of Governors, which appoints a Chancellor to manage the Florida State University System. The Governor also appoints members to the boards of trustees at each individual SUS institution. Each board provides administration over the university with powers established by the Board of Governors.

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SUS Institutions:

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Florida Gulf Coast University

Florida State University

<u>University of Central</u> <u>Florida</u>

University of North Florida

University of West Florida

Florida Atlantic University

Florida International University

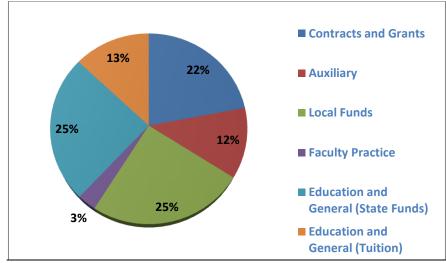
New College of Florida

University of Florida

University of South Florida

How is the SUS funded?

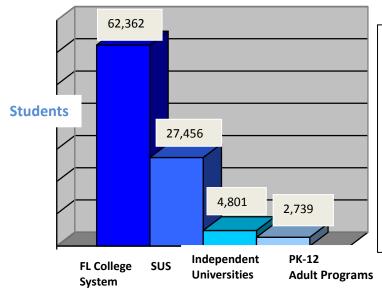




Where do our high school graduates go?

Of the 152,546 Florida students who earned a high school diploma during the 2008-2009 school year, 93,726 enrolled in a Florida postsecondary institution.

Florida Students Entering Postsecondary Education (2008-2009 Graduates)*



*This does not include the approximately 4-5 percent of Florida students who enroll in an institution outside of Florida. Note that some postsecondary students enrolled in more than one program at the same time.

Type of Institution

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Top Ten SUS Majors:

- Business and Management
- Social Sciences
- Health Professions
- Psychology
- Education
- Biological/Biomedical Sciences
- Engineering
- Mass Communications
- Homeland Security, Enforcement, Emergency
- Visual/Performing Arts

Who Enters the SUS?

The State University System of Florida offers admission to students who have earned a high school diploma and have met certain credit requirements in areas such as math, science, English and history. Due to the growing number of qualified students trying to gain access to SUS institutions, admissions are considered highly selective. For example, students entering classes in the Fall of 2009 had an average high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.7. Standardized test scores are also considered very competitive as students in the 2009 incoming class had an average ACT test score of 24.7 and an average SAT score of 1164. These are higher than the national averages of 21.1 and 1016 for that same year. Many program areas of study within the SUS are considered 'limited access' programs. Certain programs earn this distinction for several reasons including a high number of students meeting the requirements for admission into the program in excess of available resources, the admissions process requires an audition or portfolio, higher test scores or GPA requirements are deemed necessary for the program, or certain prerequisite courses are needed in addition to the basic admission requirements.

What do SUS Students Study?

The State University System of Florida offers students more than 1,650 different program areas of study in its diverse collection of undergraduate majors and minors, graduate, professional and certificate degrees. The top ten most popular majors of study include: business and management; social sciences; health professions; psychology; education; biological/biomedical sciences; engineering; mass communications; homeland security, enforcement, emergency; and visual/performing arts. What students study varies by institution however the business major is the only area of study that ranks among the top five undergraduate majors by student enrollment in all of the SUS institutions (except for New College, which offers only a liberal arts degree).

Degrees Awarded

During the 2010-11 school year, approximately 321,500 students were enrolled at the 11 SUS institutions. Of those, 72 percent of students took part in coursework full-time. During that school year, the State University System of Florida awarded 54,614 bachelor's degrees, 16,868 master's degrees and 2,056 professional degrees. Undergraduate students represented 77 percent of student enrollment.

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Florida Board of Governors

Florida House Education
Committee

Florida House Higher
Education Appropriations
Subcommittee

Florida House K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee

Florida House K-20 Innovation Subcommittee Below is a breakdown of the number of degrees awarded at each of the 11 universities during the 2010-2011 school year:

Institution	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Total
UF	8,685	3,948	2,127	14,760
UCF	10,646	2,253	285	13,184
USF	8,190	2,577	425	11,192
FSU	7,886	2,277	818	10,981
FIU	6,637	2,597	374	9,608
FAU	4,593	1,375	88	6,056
UNF	2,995	559	36	3,590
UWF	1,903	594	27	2,524
FAMU	1,296	298	332	1,926
FGCU	1,616	390	19	2,025
New	167	0	0	167
College				

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